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1. AS MISSION IS AWARE, NUMEC WAS ONLY U.S. COMPANY IN 1968 TO BID ON COBALT-60 FOR SUBJECT PROJECT, AND WENT OUT OF BUSINESS DURING PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING TO HOUSE SOURCE.

2. WHEN BUILDING WAS NEAR COMPLETION IN 1973 AND AGENCY REQUESTED U.S. TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR BIDS FROM U.S. MANUFACTURERS YIELDED BIDS FROM TWO VENDORS - AMERSHAM/SEARLE AND ICN. SINCE AMERSHAM/SEARLE SUBMITTED LOW BID, AEC WAS PREPARED AWARD CONTRACT BUT WAS ADVISED BY AGENCY THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT TO BE DEFERRED.

3. AEC HAS NOTED THAT NEGATIVE ASPECT OF U.S. PROVIDING EQUIPMENT FROM AMERSHAM/SEARLE WAS FACT THAT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE MANUFACTURED BY UK SUBSIDIARY OF U.S. COMPANY, AND COST WAS HIGHER THAN ESTIMATED AT TIME OF OFFER. AEC WAS PREPARED PROCEED WITH PROCUREMENT, HOWEVER, BASED ON EARLIER COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE
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EQUIPMENT UNDER 1968 PROGRAM.

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4. SINCE PROJECT NOW A PART OF 1974 PROGRAM, U.S. WOULD PREFER NOT TO SUPPORT IT, CONSIDERING MANUFACTURER IS FOREIGN-BASED, AND FACT THAT AGENCY COULD POSSIBLY PROCURE CO-60 FROM EUROPEAN OR CANADIAN MANUFACTURER AT LOWER COST THAN QUOTES OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS (SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONTROL RODS CONTAINING CO-60 WERE BASED ON AECL DESIGN). RUSH

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